

chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

It is always a special moment when we can extend this kind of honor to a former colleague. I, again, want to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for his efforts and certainly urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4169 and would join in the remarks made by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH). This is an appropriate honor for a former colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned the gentleman who did so much good work on this legislation. We are pleased that the gentleman is able to be with us here at this moment, and I happily yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank my colleagues and friends, both the chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for their hard work on, and continued dedication in bringing this important bill to the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Speaker, on April 4, I introduced H.R. 4169 to designate the post office located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara G. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As the current congressman, Mr. Speaker, representing the Second Congressional District of Nevada, I have the distinct honor and, may I say, great challenge of following Barbara Vucanovich in Congress.

Mrs. Vucanovich retired from Congress after serving 14 years as the representative of one of the most diverse and vast congressional districts in this country.

As Nevada's very first female representative in Congress, she focused on a variety of issues important to Nevadans, including Federal wilderness and national park policy, as we have heard earlier, public land use and nuclear waste policy issues that affected the State of Nevada.

In 1997, Mrs. Vucanovich retired as a senior Member of Congress, having served on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Committee on House Administration and the chairman of the very powerful Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

The designation of the U.S. post office in Mrs. Vucanovich's hometown of Reno, Nevada would be a wonderful tribute to her tireless work and unfail-

ing dedication to the citizens of the great State of Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, echoing the remarks of Nevada's Governor Kenny Guinn, "I can think of few individuals who have devoted their lives to the people of Nevada in the manner that Barbara Vucanovich has over her many years of public service. She has served her community as a volunteer, government worker, and elected official. She has always fought hard for the people she represented."

Mrs. Vucanovich's dedicated service to her Nation is well-known throughout the halls of Congress. Mrs. Vucanovich's long history in this body as represented by the many colleagues on both sides of the aisle who still today call Barbara their friend. Many of my colleagues here today served alongside of Barbara Vucanovich and still remember with great fondness her distinguished career and outstanding achievements here in this body.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my pleasure to lead this effort to recognize my predecessor, former Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, for her distinguished service in Congress and long-standing commitment to the citizens of the State of Nevada, as well as to our Nation as a whole.

I would like to encourage all of my colleagues to join with me today to honor former Congressman Vucanovich and pass H.R. 4169.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH), my colleague and friend, for yielding me the time.

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Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill to designate a post office in Reno, Nevada as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

Barbara was the very first woman elected to Congress from the great State of Nevada, and she blazed a trail for women during her seven terms of Congress. She once lived in the congressional district that I have the honor of representing when she attended Manhattan College of Sacred Heart in New York City from 1938 through 1939, long before many women were routinely attending college.

I have very fond memories of working with Barbara Vucanovich on many bills before this Congress. In fact, one of the first bills when I came to Congress was one that we worked on together which would provide for annual mammograms in Medicare. We circulated a letter together and got, I think, probably every Member of this body to sign onto it.

At that time, when a woman was 65, mammograms were covered only every

other year, which put many women at risk. It is early detection that is now saving women's lives, and it was an honor to work with her.

She cared very deeply about this issue for many reasons, one of which she was herself a breast cancer survivor. She often spoke about her experiences and really was instrumental in supporting research for breast cancer.

The bill that we worked on later became part of the balanced budget amendment and is now law. So I always think about Barbara when I read about this bill and when I think about all the breakthroughs that we are having now in breast cancer research, because she truly was a great leader in many areas. But on the Women's Caucus, I would say she was the leader on breast cancer research. Really, every woman in this country owes a great deal of gratitude for her service, for her leadership, and for her example.

So I thank very deeply the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for introducing this bill, and I certainly urge a yes vote. It is long overdue.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join in the remarks that have been made. I have not served with the gentlewoman from Nevada. I would add just that I think it is entirely appropriate that this legislation receive a unanimous support here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4169.

The question was taken.

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4169.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.